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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

POULETTY et al.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE NOTICE OF APPEAL OR BRIEF

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Defective Notice of Appeal or Brief
(Paper No. 17) mailed May 18, 1998.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-55320-2/RFT/MTK).

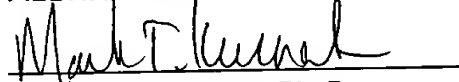
In the above referenced Notice of Defective Notice of Appeal or Brief, the Examiner states that the appeal in the above captioned case is dismissed and the application is abandoned. Specifically, the Examiner states that since the subject application is allegedly not entitled to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.129, the amendment and 37 CFR 1.129 submission filed by Applicants on March 2, 1998 is not effective. Applicants respectfully disagree.

In this regard, Applicants wish to direct the Examiner to the amendments to 37 CFR made final on July 2, 1998 which state that for CPA applications filed subsequent to December 1, 1997, the prior application of a CPA application need not have been filed on or before June 8, 1995. As such, CPA practice as described under 37 CFR 1.129 is applicable to the present application and the 37 CFR 1.129 filing made herein on March 2, 1998 should be effective.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the filing under 37 CFR 1.129 made herein on March 2, 1998 be entered and prosecution on that CPA application be initiated.

Respectfully submitted,

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